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Trash Disposal Town Meeting—Round 2 *Special Meeting is October 13, 2016—6:30 PM*

(Lamoine) - Voters will decide if the town will continue to send its solid waste to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) incinerator in Orrington after the current contract with PERC expires in March 2018. Time is running out to make a decision on where to send the trash. In May, voters handily rejected a question to stick with fellow Municipal Review Committee (MRC) members and send the waste to an as-yet unbuilt plant in Hampden that would convert the waste into bio-fuel. The PERC incinerator generates electricity by burning trash.

Resident Ken Smith, whose career was spent in the design of trash to energy plants, spent many days studying the proposals from both MRC and PERC and has been advising the Board of Selectmen and voters on the options. At the May town meeting, Mr. Smith expressed great reluctance about the viability of the MRC project that would engage the Fiberight company that will build the bio gas conversion plant. At that meeting, MRC officials acknowledge that they would not be able to meet the goal of 150,000 tons of trash to build the proposed plant. A few

weeks later the MRC/Fiberight proposal said it could operate profitably on significantly less tonnage.

PERC acknowledges that it will see a significant tonnage drop as dozens of towns and cities will ship their trash to the Fiberight plant, but says several large commercial trash companies have pledged to bring trash to the Orrington facility, keeping it viable. The cost per ton is proposed to be higher at PERC than Fiberight because subsidized electricity sales from the PERC plant will end in 2018.

The special town meeting will start at 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gym. All registered voters in town are encouraged to attend the special town meeting. Despite some sentiment to give voters an “either/or” vote, Selectmen opted to present just the PERC option for this meeting, as voters soundly rejected the MRC/Fiberight option in May.

If the PERC question is approved, Selectmen will be authorized to enter into a long term contract with PERC in the coming months.

Sesquicentennial? We’ll Call It LAMOINE 150!

By Carol Duffy

In February 2020, Lamoine will turn 150 years old, so it’s time to begin to think about a celebration. The recently established Lamoine 150 Committee co-chaired by Jo Cooper and Cynthia Donaldson seeks your ideas and help to plan a year long celebration. At the committee’s first meeting, the group brainstormed a lengthy list of ideas of ways to celebrate the positives of Lamoine, hoping to include as many groups as possible. Ideas included a parade, an old-timers baseball game, photographing a day in Lamoine, a model boat building contest, a Lamoine musical, and a Lamoine business day, a fishing derby, and lots more (some more “doable” than others). Gordon Donaldson, Miranda Engstrom & Carol Duffy also serve on the committee. Use your imagination; we’d love to have you a part of the “party”. Send ideas to town@lamoine-me.gov and they’ll be forwarded to the committee.

Fire Engine Pump Repaired

(Lamoine) - Fire Chief George “Skip” Smith says with luck, the town will get at least 10-more years of service from Pumper 401, a 1994 International/MetalFab fire truck that for the first 10-years of its life was the newest truck in the LVFD fleet. It has seen a lot of calls and until this summer had performed flawlessly. It’s still not clear what caused the pump in the fire engine to suffer catastrophic failure—basically, it burned. The fire department had not budgeted for a complete pump rebuild for this fiscal year. The town’s property and casualty insurer, Maine Municipal Association, covered some of the cost, but the roughly \$16,200 bill put the fire department in a tenuous situation make it through until next July on the budget approved at the town meeting in March 2016.

At the special town meeting on October 13, 2016, voters will be asked to appropriate \$6,200 from the undesignated fund balance (surplus) to cover the unanticipated costs to repair the pump. That repair job had Engine 401 spend much of its summer in Island Falls at the repair shop. After it got back to town, the other front-line pumper (Engine 403) made a trip to the same shop (where both trucks were built) for some significant (but less expensive) electrical service work. The rebuilt pump on Engine 401 was pressed into service on the mobile home fire (see right) and performed perfectly. Engine 403 was not back for that fire, but returned to town the day after.

Fire Swiftly Destroys Mobile Home

(Lamoine) - Residents awoke at about 6AM on September 15th with a start as numerous fire trucks with sirens blaring responded to Lamoine to help put out a burning mobile home. When Assistant Chief Joe Reynolds got on scene within 2-minuts of the call, he reported the structure was full engulfed in flames. The first two fire trucks from Lamoine were on scene minutes later and confirmed the observation.

The automatic mutual aid agreement between Lamoine, Hancock, Trenton and Ellsworth kicked in—all four towns were paged to the scene at the same time. An impressive array of pumpers, tankers and firefighters rushed to the scene. Hancock’s fire chief set a pumper truck at the Lamoine Grange Hall hydrant to supply water to the tankers from all four

towns. A team of Lamoine and Trenton firefighters hosed down the building from the outside and had the flames knocked down in about 15-minutes. It took about two more hours for the Lamoine crew to get out all the hidden pockets of fire inside the building.

The trailer belongs to Robert Brown of Waltham Massachusetts. His son said a family member had used the trailer the previous weekend, and may have left the heat up, meaning the furnace was running. A cause, though, could not be determined because of the amount of damage to the mobile home. No one was in the building when the fire broke out.

The Brown family had insurance on the mobile home. No firefighters were injured in the effort.



Fire quickly engulfed a mobile home on Lamoine Beach Road just before 6AM on September 15th. Firefighters from four communities kept it from spreading to the woods . (Photo by Lamoine VFD Lt. Doug Jones)

Legal Matters Processing Slowly

(Lamoine) - A lawsuit filed by three gravel pit owners against the town claiming uncompensated taking when a gravel ordinance passed in 2013 remains in the court system. The parties attended one of the fastest mandated mediation sessions on record in early July, with both the town and representatives from Doug Gott & Sons, Harold MacQuinn, Inc. and John W. Goodwin Jr. agreeing with town attorney Daniel Pileggi that no settlement was possible. The session with mediator Ted Pierson took less than five minutes. Just when the case will end up in Superior Court remains unknown.

The case came about when voters approved a revised gravel ordinance that increased the excavation setback from abutting property lines from 50-feet to 100-feet. After several months of meetings and work to revise the ordinance, voters rejected the proposed amendments in November 2015.

Another gravel related suit also remains active, though no recent action has taken place. Harold MacQuinn, Inc. has challenged rejection of a gravel mining expansion of the so-called “Miro Pit”. Lamoine’s Planning Board turned down the expanded excavation plan many months ago. MacQuinn has challenged the rejection by claiming that a board member at the time was pre-disposed against gravel mining, and that the chair of the Planning Board should have recused himself from the decision making process because he is an officer of the Cold Spring Water Company which owns an abutting property. No date has been set for either mediation or trial in that matter.

Planning Board Claims Lot Split Improper, Amends Subdivision

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen and Code Enforcement Officer will discuss how to properly proceed with a complaint from the Planning Board that a lot split in an approved subdivision 5-years ago violated town and state land use laws. The Misty Way II subdivision was originally approved an 11-lot development. One of the lots at the end of the subdivision road was divided in 2011, the Code Enforcement Officer at the time issued the new owner a building permit, and a home was constructed on the new lot. Neither the CEO nor the Board of Assessors questioned the split. The remaining acreage sold to an abutting property owner last Spring.

Planning Board chair John Holt contends that the 2011 split created a 12-lot subdivision which has open space requirements that do not exist for a smaller number of lots. The original subdivision developer no longer owns any of the lots within the subdivision.

The Planning Board approved an amendment to the subdivision during the summer, which combined the existing lot and the remaining lot sold to the abutter, dropping the number of lots back to eleven.



Planning Board Approves Jordan River Rd. Business Plans

(Lamoine) - A proposed vehicle detailing shop and storage buildings won site plan and commercial building permit approval from Lamoine’s Planning Board. Construction has begun on the business complex submitted by Michael and Stephanie Bradford.

No one raised objections during the public hearing on the proposal approved in July. Mr. Bradford currently runs a detailing operation in Ellsworth and will

move that operation to Lamoine once the facility is completed.

To accommodate the new business, the town assigned a street name, approving the Bradford’s suggestion of Detail Drive. As of late September, a foundation has been poured for the detailing business, a septic system installed, and site work for the other two buildings was well under way. It’s not known when construction will be complete.

Planning Board Hears Pit Renewals

(Lamoine) - The 7-member Planning Board has put in some long hours reviewing a 4-inch binder of gravel permit renewal applications submitted by owners of the expiring permits. Two long meetings in September found four of the applications complete Pits up for public hearing & renewal on October 3 include three owned by Harold MacQuinn, Inc and one operated by RF Jordan.

Permits Issued

Nbr	Name	Project
33	McKeage, John	Toilet Enclosure
34	LaChance, Bob	Garage
35	Sanborn, Reginald	Residence, Garage
36	True, Kathryn	Residence, Deck
37	Reynolds, Jos.	Shed
38	Lamoine St. Park	Shelter
39	Bradford, Michael	Commercial
40	Wilder, Michael	Garage
41	Raymond, Keith	Residence, Deck
42	Richardson, N.	Garage
43	Kudlich, Paul	Replace Home
44	Wallace, Richard	Shed
45	Eaton, Bruce	Garage
46	Towne, Terry	Shore stabilize
47	Foisy, Frank	Garage
48	Hoogerhyde, K.	Garage
49	Crabtree, Steve	Shoreland Timber
50	Khoury, Elie	Garage
51	McKeage, John	Tent Platform
52	Clark, Donald	Garage

Unfulfilled Agreement to Small Claims Court

(Lamoine) - A consent agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen and a building contractor regarding a road setback violation has yet to be satisfied, and the case will go to small claims court in December. The matter involved a modular home on Douglas Highway. The agreement called for installation of a barrier between the house and road, planting of vegetation, and payment of a fine and attorney fees. Only the payments remain outstanding, and the attorney representing the town indicated that payment would not be forthcoming, even though a signed agreement is in hand. The contractor has since sold the home.

Assessment Appealed

(Lamoine) - The Hancock County Commissioners will hear an appeal of a denial by the Board of Assessors to abate a portion of the property taxes from a Pheasant Lane property owner. Gregory Rhyne claims that the town has incorrectly valued his waterfront home’s land. The case was continued to October 4, 2016.

The Board of Assessors assert that the land in question is valued in the same manner as other properties, and supplied property tax cards to the County Commissioners to back that up. The Board of Assessors has retained attorney Ed Bearor for advice on the case. Though the appeal was filed last May, the town did not receive notice until late summer.

Presidential Election means a Very Busy Town Office

(Lamoine) - Absentee ballots will become available at the Lamoine Town Office during the first week of October for the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election. For several weeks, though, Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs has been extremely busy preparing the mounds of paper work required by the Secretary of State's office for the election. Additionally, requests for absentee ballots have been pouring into the office from people who choose not to come to the town hall on Election Day to cast their ballots. The town accepts requests via an Internet link, over the telephone, or in person and will mail ballots once they're available to those who've made proper application.

Once the absentee ballots are in house, voters may cast an absentee ballot in person up until the close of business on November 3, 2016. Voting in that manner requires a lot less paperwork on the part of the town office, as the voting takes place in the presence of the town clerk.

Absentee ballots will be cast through the tabulation machine on Monday, November 7, 2016 in order not to tie up the machine on Election Day. The total absentee votes will be added to the total on Election Night for the town's overall vote totals. The public is welcome to watch the ballot clerks open envelopes and feed ballots into the tabulator on Monday.

One of the big issues for running an election is accommodating a high turnout on Election Day. A few years ago temporary booths were set up on a table, and while construction was a bit flimsy and they fell apart at times, the concept has been carried forward, and new, sturdier table top booths will add three more voting spots.

Besides the Presidential and Congressional election, there are state legislative races, a county commissioner election, several other county offices, and a wide variety of statewide referendum questions that will be decided on November 8th. As you might recall, the town was provided with a tabulation machine a few years ago which will greatly enhance the vote counting process. As an example, when Mainers elected the governor in 2010, nearly a thousand ballots were cast. Lamoine still counted ballots by hand, and numerous races and referenda were on those ballots. The three teams of ballot clerks were in the town hall until well after 4AM counting the ballots by hand. It is anticipated that the turnout for the 2016 election will exceed that number, yet with the machine only one team of ballot clerks will be needed, and the tabulation should be completed no later than 10:00 PM.

Residents Complain About Speeding

(Lamoine) - Rarely a week goes by that the town office doesn't receive some sort of complaint about driving habits. The number of speeding complaints received during the summer and fall months seemed to be more intense than usual. Among the "problem" roads—Birchlawn Drive, Buttermilk Road, Walker Road and Shore Road.

Complainants are advised that the town does not employ a local police force—it relies on the Hancock County Sheriff's Department and the Maine State

Police for traffic law enforcement. The town is responsible for posting speed limit signs, though the limits on each local road are set by the Maine DOT and State Police. The default speed limit on an unposted road is 45 MPH.

Lt. Christopher Thornton of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department says they set up the sign shown below on Birchlawn Drive and later on Buttermilk Road, and neighbors reported traffic seemed to slow down. The town also installed a 25MPH sign on Birchlawn Dr.



Temporary Voting Booths

In anticipation of an extremely heavy voter turnout for the November 8, 2016 election, facilities maintenance director Rick Gallegos has constructed three additional booths that will sit on a table top. The town can now accommodate 11 voters at a time.

Budget Season Starts Soon

(Lamoine) - The town's budget committee will hold its organizational meeting on October 17, 2016 at 6:30 PM. Town officials, in the meantime, will start to craft the 2017/18 spending and revenue plan to operate the municipal (non-school, county) budget in the coming weeks.

It is anticipated that the town ended the fiscal year in June 2016 with a very healthy fund balance (surplus), which may be used to help keep property taxes lower. The biggest influence on the property tax, though, is the school budget, and that's not anticipated until May of 2017.

Selectmen have indicated they want to include money in the budget to build up a fund to re-configure and re-engineer the transfer station, and to install a new electronic sign at the town office.

Selectmen Appoint Board Members

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen appointed numerous folks who came forward to volunteer to serve on boards and committees during the summer. Named as a full voting member of the Recreation Committee was Patricia Haslam who previously served in an alternate member role. Butch Swanberg will replace Haslam as an alternate member.

The Conservation Commission welcomes Michael Jordan as an alternate member after the Selectmen sought volunteers to replace retiring member Nancy Pochan. Jordan, who is also the town's Plumbing Inspector, one of the elected Assessors, an Appeals Board member and alternate on the Comprehensive Planning Committee was the only one who submitted his name.

A vacancy for an alternate Parks Commission member was filled by Georgianna Pulver. As noted on page one, the Selectmen also appointed the Lamoine 150th Committee (Jo Cooper, Cynthia Donaldson, Carol Duffy, Gordon Donaldson and Miranda Engstrom. A vacancy still exists for an alternate Budget Committee member, despite several pleas for someone to serve in that capacity. If interested, please contact the town hall to be considered.



Driving Safely (the rest of the message)

A speed monitoring sign was placed on Buttermilk Road and Birchlawn Drive by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department during September.

Did You Know—The Town Hall has a Bell

(Lamoine) - A few people knew the old school bell at the Lamoine Town Hall was still up in the cupola area, but it was well hidden from the town hall staff (including your author). Facilities maintenance director Rick Gallegos discovered it in September when he ventured up over the ceiling to explore where a leak was coming from above the ceiling. We were pretty sure the leak was coming the cupola area. It has been years since anyone has been in the area above the ceiling, and even longer since looking up toward the cupola. Gallegos discovered that a bell still sits in the area, and the potential exists to hook up a rope to ring the bell, just like the days when the building was a school. It's pretty dark in that area—the picture above shows the clapper and part of the inside of the bell, and they look to be in pretty good shape.

The plan for the cupola is to rent a



portable bucket (cherry picker) to allow Gallegos to install water proofing to prevent further leaking. While access is available, Selectboard chair Gary McFarland is re-painting the old Town Hall sign that hung on front of the building for decades, but came down a few years ago as the weather caused paint to peel off. His grandfather painted the original sign (by hand).

As for the bell, there are no plans at this point to move it out of the cupola at this time.

Glass Dropped from Recycling Mix

(Lamoine) - Confession time. For folks who diligently separated their glass from the regular trash and put it in the recycling container at the transfer station—it ended up being used as landfill. There is no market for glass according to the folks who run Coastal Recycling, and they've stopped accepting glass from Lamoine. There was another factor—contamination. Several transfer station users ended up dumping things other than glass into that section of the collection container. Because the company that would haul away the glass required it to be free of contaminants, the loads were rejected several times. Therefore, until further notice, glass jars and the like will just have to go in with the regular trash. The facility still accepts #2 plastics, newspapers, tin cans, cardboard and office paper for recycling. If you're not sure what can be recycled check with facility manager Chris Meyer.



Storage Garage Project Finished

(Lamoine) - A town owned storage garage affectionately known as the “Anderson Garage” on Lamoine Beach Road is looking much sharper, and is better protected after new siding was installed over the summer months. The town's insurance carrier had recommended replacing the old particle board siding that has started to deteriorate and had attracted a graffiti vandal (artist?) a few years ago. The town meeting allocated \$3,000.00 for the project, and facilities maintenance director Rick Gallegos managed to get new, T-111 siding all around the facility for just under budget.

The town purchased the garage several years ago when it obtained the property from former Selectman Nathan Anderson due to well contamination from the former landfill. The home that was also located on the property was moved to Buttermilk Road

CTV Franchise Renewal Under Way

(Lamoine) - The town has agreed to utilize attorney Daniel Pileggi to work toward renewal of a Cable TV Franchise agreement. Lamoine's deal with what is now Spectrum (formerly Adelphia, then Time Warner) expires in 2018. The town has contacted both Trenton and Hancock to see if an economy of savings could be achieved by having the attorney work on franchise agreements for all three communities.

Selectmen agreed to a retainer deal for Pileggi's office to work on the renewal. It is hoped that some of the language in the current agreement regarding housing density and cable wiring can be changed to accommodate more homes to be able to receive CTV and high speed internet services.

Tax Rate Unchanged

(Lamoine) - Tax payers for the most part did not grumble about their tax bills when they got them in July. The rate for the 2016/17 year remained the same as the previous fiscal year—\$10.10 mills. For those who claim their homestead exemption, the news was even better. The state increased the exemption amount to \$15,000 from \$10,000, reducing bills an additional \$50.50 from the previous year.

The Board of Assessors made the tax commitment in July, bills went out shortly thereafter and receipts started flooding tax collector Jennifer Kovacs' office in August.

The local valuation rose about \$65,000 from the previous year, and the overall amount committed to collect rose less than \$700, allowing the rate to remain unchanged. The state valuation rate, though, is up roughly \$5-million, or 2.17%.



CTV System Switcher Replaced

(Lamoine) - A strange thing happened one night as folks settled in to watch a Selectmen's meeting on the local cable TV channel. There was sound and picture, but the picture showed empty seats. Turns out there was some sort of failure by the video switcher, and the camera “froze” at one point in time when the chairs were empty. No amount of re-booting would unfreeze the picture. The Technology Committee authorized purchase of a new switcher, which cost about \$2,000. The new unit is a little fancier than the one installed in 2005, and the video output to the CTV Channel and the on-line streaming channel seems to be of better quality.

Meth Making Remnants Discovered

(Lamoine) - The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency responded to Lamoine during the summer after a hiker discovered some suspicious items along a woods road. It appears someone was trying to manufacture methamphetamine, something that has become all too common around the state. As of late September MDEA has responded to more than 100 meth making operations during 2016, a record number of incidents in Maine. The materials discovered included a 2-liter soft drink

container that had a cloudy residue and empty packages of pseudoephedrine.

Public safety officials advise that if folks run across such items to contact 9-1-1 immediately and to leave it alone. The remnants of a “meth lab” are extremely volatile and can cause explosions or severe burns if handled improperly. The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department attended a brief course presented by the Fire Marshals’ Office on handling meth labs during the summer.

Fire Department Auction a Success

(Lamoine) - A combination of generous donors and generous bidders spelled success for the annual Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department Auction. Held on August 6th this year, more than 60-folks bid on a wide variety of items and raised more than \$8,600 for the fire department.

Volunteer auctioneer Mike Hodgkins led the bidding. The top selling items included a membership to the

Downeast Family YMCA and 8-hours of tree work from Charles Weber’s tree company. Some of the unique items auctioned off included a collection of very old postcards, emergency lighting, and even a mosquito magnet.

Nearly every item sold, and those items that did not were donated to the Lamoine Historical society which held a yard sale later in the month.

Mutual Aid Response Draw Thanks

(Trenton) - Lamoine’s fire department responded to a head on collision on Route 3 in Trenton that left two people dead. The Trenton VFD requested assistance to extricate the victims from their wrecked vehicle. It was a very warm and humid morning, and Hancock County Sheriff Scott Kane sent a very kind thank-you note to the fire departments, acknowledging that the scene was “as horrific as it gets”. Sheriff Kane praised the professionalism of both departments, noting that many times the deputies call on the fire department to deal with “non-fire” situations and that “we’ve never received no for an answer”.

Seven firefighters responded from Lamoine to assist the Trenton crew. Trenton Fire Chief Steve Corson arranged for a critical incident debriefing two days later.



July, August Quiet; September Brings Rash of Fire Department Calls

(Lamoine) - Lamoine’s volunteer firefighters only had four calls to deal with during July and August, and two of those were on the same day—the annual auction day. Neither required the department to leave the station, as manpower was requested to stand by while both Bar Harbor and Sullivan attended to building fires. A July 4th call saw members stand by again as the Ellsworth and Trenton Fire Departments responded to a water rescue call in Union River Bay. A motor vehicle accident on Douglas Highway accounted for the other July call.

Then came September. The LVFD responded twice to Pasture Way when a monitored residential fire alarm activated during a construction project. Responders found no fire on either call. A similar situation on Clamshell Alley also resulted in no fire.

The department stood by several times for the Ellsworth fire department as they responded to a building fire in Waltham and a fatal motor vehicle accident on North Street. And two trucks responded to Hancock to set up a water supply during a reported barn fire on the Washington Junction Road. Just as the Lamoine trucks were arriving at the water hole, the Hancock VFD reported that things were under control and no further

response was requested.

The most serious in-town call was the mobile home fire on September 15th (see page 1). The town’s automatic mutual with Trenton, Ellsworth and Hancock was utilized as manpower, equipment and water from all three communities was utilized.

LVFD members responded to Capt. John Smith’s home when a large poplar tree fell down across Lamoine Beach Road. Smith manned the chainsaw and the firefighters wrapped a winch line from Truck 405 around a large limb to safely pull the tree to the ground where it could be easily cut up.

Late in the month firefighters responded to a Raccoon Cove Road home after a tenant locked herself out of the house, and her toddler age son was on the other side of the locked door, but unable to comprehend how to open it. Capt. Michael Jordan and Lt. Chris Bean were able to use highly sophisticated rescue tools (better known as a stiff credit card) to slip into the door latch and move it just enough to open without damage.

The Lamoine VFD now receives text message in addition to the paged fire calls thanks to technology added by the dispatchers at the Hancock County Regional Communications Center.

Fire Department Dinner—October 22

(Lamoine) - Lamoine’s firefighters will turn into waiters and waitresses for an evening on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Lamoine School Gym as the annual clam chowder dinner is held. Members will sell tickets in advance of the dinner the previous Sunday (the 16th), but tickets will also be available at the town office or at the door the night of the event.

On the menu: Clam Chowder skillfully prepared by David and Julie Herrick, casseroles, baked beans, rolls, desert and beverage. The cost this year is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under.

CTV Person Needed

(Lamoine) - If you like technology, television gadgets, and community affairs, the town may have just the part time job for you. The Cable TV system has lots of cool equipment for live and taped production, but alas it lacks people to use it. It’s a paying job, but pretty part time. Tasks include scheduling the live and playback shows on the local cable channel, as well as the on-demand web portal. It would also include production of local features and on-site recording of special events such as town meetings.

If you are interested, please contact Stu Marckoon at the Lamoine Town Office—(207) 667-2242.

Town Plugs Away at Road Projects

(Lamoine) - Selectmen set aside thousands of dollars in budgeted road project funds from Fiscal Year 2015/16 in hopes that many of those projects will be completed during the summer, but after the close of the year on June 30th. The two locally based contractors received lists of projects to complete early in the summer and finished a good chunk of them.

The biggest job was on Asa’s Lane where shoulders got the proper shape and ditches were reconfigured to promote optimal runoff. A short section of Shore Road received similar treatment, as did Marlboro Beach Road. The Lamoine Beach Road end of Mill Road saw a driveway culvert replaced and the pavement at the intersection is supposed to be filled in when it is appropriate.

Still on the list are improvements to heaved culverts on Seal Point Road, along with repair to a section of pavement that has started to break apart. The Road Commissioner will conduct a survey of the town maintained roads in early October to determine the next round of road repair projects which will include some tree trimming, mostly likely on Buttermilk Road.

And, a bit of reality has hit home about what season follows. The first loads of salt and sand were delivered to the town’s salt/sand storage shed. Plowing contractor Richard McMullen started mixing salt and sand in early September. While last winter was fairly mild, McMullen says he wants to be prepared for what’s to come.

Lamoine's Publicly Accessible Trails Mapped



Lamoine Conservation & Parks Commission member Jeff Cosulich works with Maine Trail Finder employee Nicole Grohoski mapping out part of the Coleman Mixed Woods trail off Seal Point Road

(Lamoine) - Some of the nicest walking trails in Hancock County exist in Lamoine—hidden gems some call them. Maine Trail Finders operates a web site that maps out hiking trails where the public is welcome. Nicole Grohoski of the organization accompanied Conservation and Parks Commissioner Jeff Cosulich and Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon on a tour of three such trails in August.

Grohoski is no stranger to Lamoine. Her mom, Jackie, was the school nurse here for many years. Using a hand held GPS device and a high quality camera, the trio set out on all the trails either mapped on hand drawn papers or just marked with blazes on trees.

The newly mapped trails include the Simon Trail (off Partridge Cove Road), the Coleman Mixed Woods Trail (off Seal Point Road) and the trail around Bloomfield Park. The maps and some pictures from the trails can be viewed at Maine Trail Finder dot-com.

With the exception of a couple of young families swimming at Bloomfield Park, the trio never ran into any others walking the three publicly accessible trails during the mapping process. The town has links to all three trail mapping endeavors on its website in hopes that more people might utilize the outdoor hiking opportunities

Selectmen Discuss Goals

(Lamoine) - After dealing with the minutiae of operating a town, the Board of Selectmen set some goals for the next few months. Among them are:

- Finding ways to simplify town processes for citizens and employees.
- Exploration of a Community Center concept.
- Becoming an “Age Friendly” community for both younger and older demographic groups
- Keeping the town a desirable place to live.
- Installing a programmable electronic sign at the Town Hall
- Working with the Planning Board, Appeals Board and Code Enforcement Officer to better define roles and expectations.
- The town's role in addressing substance abuse problems
- The future of recycling and solid waste disposal.
- Meet with department heads and board chairs periodically.
- Developing a plan for municipally owned property around the former landfill.

Some of the goals will be easier than others. For instance, the Selectmen plan to hold a board chair meeting on October 20th to talk about needs the various committees might have, and defining how each fits into the municipal government scheme of things. The final goal was to monitor and report out on the activity around the entire goals list.

Shore Access Explored

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Conservation Commission is exploring a proposal from Selectman Kathleen Rybarz to access grant money to potentially purchase shore access. The town has a few public access points at Lamoine Beach, Lamoine State Park and Marlboro Beach. Any new access to the shore could potentially be utilized by commercial marine interests (worm & clam diggers), and recreationally by the general public. No specific proposal has yet come forward.

While many constituencies have backed the concept, others have offered some cautionary advice. One commercial clam digger told the Board of Selectmen that additional access could harm the resource. And the board received a message from a lot owner advising they've cut off access for several reasons.

Flood Maps Approved

(Lamoine) - The State of Maine has given final approval to Lamoine's Floodplain Ordinance passed in May. New flood maps are now in effect, but you'll likely need internet access to see them. The Federal Emergency Management Agency sent printed maps that took effect in July, but they don't show the flood zones on them. The internet version does. You can access the on-line maps through Lamoine's website.

Conservation Cmsn. Talks Rocks, Trees

By Larissa Thomas

(Lamoine) - Lamoine Conservation Commission members have been busy this summer. On August 10th we hosted Duane and Ruth Braun, local geologists, for a public talk titled, “The Geologic History of Lamoine and Mt. Desert Island”. Around 30 people attended this highly informative talk. They explained concepts to the audience, using an excellent power point presentation, of the geologic history of the area going back to about 500 million years. We learned that the Lamoine bedrock is called Ellsworth Schist and that the most visible geologic changes are those caused by the series of glaciers that passed over us. They showed pictures of some of the results of the glaciers including rock erosion, glacial erratics, moraines and gravel deposits. Looking to the future Duane and Ruth spoke about the rise in sea level and how it could affect Lamoine's coast. This program is available for viewing at the Lamoine website. The Brauns had copies of their newly published book, Guide to the Geology of Mount Desert Island and Acadia National Park, for sale. The book features learning about the local geology while taking self-guided trips to sites on MDI.

On September 12th some LCC members and Iris Simon led Lamoine Consolidated School fifth grade students

on a tree identification hike at the Simon Woods Trail (see below). We have been meeting with Chris James, middle school math and science teacher, since May to plan this outing. Fifth grade science teacher, Tracy Willis, accompanied her students. The students had laminated tree identification sheets including trail photographs of the bark and leaves/needles of 12 trees to identify. These 12 trees were numbered along the 0.91 mile trail. Students were enthusiastic, curious and serious about learning to identify the trees. We are planning on leading other student groups on the Simon Woods Trail in the future. The numbers will remain on the trees throughout October so that anyone using the trail can identify the 12 trees. The tree identification sheets are available on the Lamoine website.



Host Location Sought for Little Pantry

(Lamoine) - One of Lamoine's residents found a neat idea while surfing on the Internet and has offered (anonymously) to construct a "Little Free Pantry". The idea is to offer a place where folks can drop off non-perishable food and those in need can pick it up. Selectmen discussed possibly locating it at the town hall, but felt the highly public location might discourage use, but agreed to put out a call for a host site.

If you know of a location willing to host the pantry, please contact the Lamoine Town Hall at 667-2242, and we'll let the anonymous carpenter know.



Photo from Little Free Pantry.org

School Enrollment Up to Start Year

By Dawn McPhail, Principal

(Lamoine) - LCS welcomed many new faces to our Lion Pride family this year. In addition to 30 new students we also welcomed 9 new staff members. Jill Kofton joins us as our new Art teacher.

Miranda Engstrom is our new Reading Recovery/Literacy Interventionist/Gifted & Talented Teacher. Carolyn Sproul is the new Guidance Counselor/Social Worker, and Julie Herrick is the new kitchen assistant. We also have five new educational technicians: Amanda Frost, Amanda Tracy, David Rice, Deborah Parker and Laura Bennet. Welcome All!



New Playground Open at School

By Dawn McPhail, Principal

(Lamoine) - The beautiful new playground at LCS is a wonderful example of community spirit and collaboration. The playground improvement project has been ongoing for several years. This past spring the funding was finally attained through private donation, local funding, with the largest portion coming from our PATRONS group.

You might wonder how our PATRONS group came to have these funds. Sadly, in 2005 Lamoine student and resident, Jina Haslam, was tragically killed when she was struck by a car along Route 184. Over the course of the next 5 years, a group of residents worked tirelessly to raise money in an effort to build a new gymnasium. In 2010 our gymnasium was renovated and rededicated as "Jina's Gym" in her memory. The remaining raised funds were distributed for worthy causes including the YMCA, a scholarship fund, and PATRONS.

Our PATRONS group was given the responsibility of using the funds in a way that honored Jina's memory. We are honored and grateful that our playground was chosen as such a worthy cause. Thank you!



Community Arts Plans Fall Performances

By Diane Sanderson

(Lamoine)-This year the fall production of Lamoine Community Arts will feature two plays: *Trevor* written by John Bowen and directed by Carol Korty and assisted by Carol Duffy and *Wanda's Visit* written by Christopher Durang and directed by Wynne Guglielmo and assisted by Anne Stocking.

Trevor is an engaging one act comedy, set in the 60's: Jane and Sarah hire an unemployed actor, Trevor, to pose as Jane's fiancé when her homophobic parents come to visit. The ruse soon goes wild when Sarah's equally homophobic parents arrive. Trevor quickly rises to the challenge of alternating between the two fiancés as hilarious turmoil ensues.

Wanda's Visit is a comedy about a mild-mannered New England couple who receive a letter from an old flame of the husband asking to come for a visit. Little do they know they are inviting a wildly narcissistic person into their home. The result has a huge impact on their marriage with lots of humor for the audience.

Performances of the plays will be at the Lamoine-Bayside Grange on October 28th and 29th and the following week-end, November 4th and 5th at 7pm; and a matinee on Sunday, November 6th at 3pm. Tickets are \$10. For information and reservations, please call 667-6564.

Lamoine's Little Children Group Resumes Meeting

By Cynthia Donaldson

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine's Little Children group goal is to act on the town's 2013 town meeting adoption of a resolve to acknowledge the importance of its children's very early years; welcome all young children born or residing in Lamoine and wish for them the blessings of healthy development ; a nurturing family and neighborhood; a community that values them; a quality education; and support for them and their families.

In the past two and a half years, with the help of the Lamoine Baptist Church and Special Children's Friends we have initiated a weekly playgroup for little children and their caretakers. With a grant from the Maine Community Foundation and tremendous volunteer support, we have almost completed a library project which helped to repaint and reorganize the Lamoine School Library while creating a warm and welcoming space for little children and their families. Our hope now focuses on community access to that library.

As we reconvene this fall, we look for new ways to support very young children and their families. Your ideas are important. Meetings are generally held the 4th Thursday of every month in the Lamoine School library. For more information contact: Cynthia Donaldson (667-2382)

Arts Group Renovates Grange

(Lamoine) - The initial focus of the Fundraising Committee was to address approaches to quickly raise funds for the ongoing Grange Renovation Project. Three activities were planned and executed to date: a benefit performance by the Lamoine Consolidated School's Drama Club, and Orchestra in May; a Yard Sale in June, and a direct mail campaign to Lamoine property owners residing in Maine also in June. To date, these activities have raised almost \$8000.

King Electric has installed a new service entry panel with additional circuit capability. They have completed all electrical work for theater lights. A work area for control console operator has been constructed in rear of the Hall, and the control console is operational. New lighting and switches have been installed in the bathrooms, hall storage closet, and foyer. The installation of red and white lights for back stage is complete.

Our next phase will install new emergency exit lights, upgrade main room outlets, install 3 exterior outlets, and install new exterior back porch light. We still seek additional funds to continue our renovation projects.

Anyone wishing to contribute to our Grange Renovation Project may send a check to: **Lamoine Community Arts, ATTN Fred Stocking, Treasurer 30 Berry Cove Rd. Lamoine, ME 04605**

All contributions are tax deductible. Please indicate **Grange Renovation** in the memo line.

October 2016—Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1-Town Office Open 8-12
2	3-7PM Planning Board	4	5	6	7	8
9	10-Columbus Day, Town Office Closed	11-6:30 PM Comprehensive Plan	12-7PM Conservation Cmsn.	13-6:30 Town Meeting, Selectmen meeting follows	14	15
16	17-6:30 PM Budget Committee	18– 6:30 PM Comprehensive Plan	19-7PM Shellfish Conservation	20—7PM Board of Selectmen	21	22-5PM Fire Dept. Supper
23	24	25	26	27	28	29-Town Office Open 8-12
30	31	The Budget Committee will set its schedule at the October 17, 2016 meeting. Please consult the town’s website for updated meeting information.				

November 2016—Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3-7PM Selectmen	4	5-Town Office Open 8am to Noon
6	7—9am Absentee Ballots Processed 7PM Planning Board (check location)	8-Election Day 8am to 8pm 6:30 PM School Committee	9-7PM Conservation Commission	10	11-Town Office Closed (Veterans Day)	12
13	14	15	16-7PM Shellfish Conservation	17-7PM Selectmen	18	19
20	21	22	23	24-Town Office Closed (Thanksgiving)	25	26-Town Office Open 8am to Noon
27	28	29	30			

December 2016—Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1-7PM Selectmen	2	3-Town Office Open 8am to Noon
4	5-7PM Planning Board	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13-6:30 PM School Committee	14-7PM Conservation Commission	15-7PM Selectmen	16	17
18	19	20	21-7PM Shellfish Conservation	22	23	24
25	26-Town Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31-Town Office Open 8am to Noon

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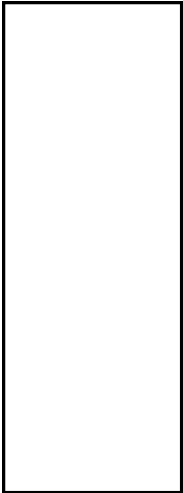
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